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SUBJECT: GUINEA (B) IN UN

REF: (A) USUN 3977 (B) STATE 204549

1. DEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON
"PORTUGUESE AGGRESSION" AGAINST "INDEPENDENT STATE OF
GUINEA (B)" IN GENERAL COMMITTEE AND GA PLENARY.

2. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE DEL SHOULD RECALL TRADITIONAL
US DESIRE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN AFRICA AND OUR HOPE
THAT IT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS. AT SAME TIME
US BELIEVES PRECEDENT OF THIS NATURE COULD BE FUNDAMENTALLY
DETRIMENTAL TO THE UN AND COULD BE USED BY NON-REPRESENTA-
TIVE GROUPS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AS PRETEXT FOR
INTERJECTING INTERNAL NATIONAL PROBLEMS INTO THE UNITED
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3. IF RES INTRODUCED IN FOURTH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING
REMOVAL OF GUINEA (B) FROM LIST OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING
TERRITORIES, DEL SHOULD VOTE AGAINST. (DEPT RECOGNIZES
THAT NEGATIVE VOTE WILL NOT IN ITSELF PLEASE PORTUGUESE
WHO MAINTAIN THAT TERRITORY IS OVERSEAS PROVINCE AND NEVER
SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON LIST, AND THAT WE WILL OFFEND THOSE
BACKING GUINEA (B) INDEPENDENCE. NEVERTHELESS, WE CANNOT
VOTE OTHERWISE CONSISTENT WITH

OUR BASIC POSITION.)

4. IF USUN BELIEVES EXPLANATION OF VOTE WOULD BE USEFUL
IN FOURTH COMMITTEE, DEL SHOULD POINT OUT:

A. US REMAINS COMMITTED TO EVENTUAL SELF-DETERMINATION
IN AFRICA BUT IT CANNOT PERSUASIVELY BE ARGUED THAT
PROCESS ACHIEVED IN GUINEA (B).

B. THE RESPONSIBLE GOVERNING AUTHORITY IN THE TERRITORY
REMAINS PORTUGAL, TO WHICH THE UN SHOULD LOOK FOR
FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER. KISSINGER

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